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update on FSU plans

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Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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Good afternoon,

If there is value in my briefing everyone about the status of FSU and my thoughts on the near and distant future regarding FSU, I'd be glad to have my staff assistant, Donnell VanSkiver, schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to brief everyone and answer questions. If you would rather not meet and have questions, I can deal with them as well. We've been keeping the campus informed but, unfortunately, there are individuals who are sharing incorrect or stale information in the community or are offering opinions as if they are fact, most often, via social media. We are going to post something on our website for the community; although, I suspect that won't be enough for some of our residents.

Please let me know your thoughts or suggestions?

Thanks,

Ron

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Dr. Nowaczyk,

Thank you for contacting this group. Though I am certain we are all focused on our respective areas of responsibility, it would be good to know the basics at FSU to enable those copied here to provide accurate information if and when asked. Whatever is easiest for you is fine....possibly just a conference call would suffice.

Just my thoughts.

Thanks.

Jeff

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I agree with Jeff - if you want to do a conference call, that would work. We will be glad to share whatever FSU wishes to put out to quell rumors, etc.

Brandon



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Thanks Ron,
I am good with whatever works for the group.

Chat soon

Bob

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I'm sharing the following message sent to the campus community today, in case that would be helpful:

<https://www.frostburg.edu/about-frostburg/office-of-the-president/statement-from-president-nowaczyk-3-17-202.pdf>

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Thank you Liz !

Jeff

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Thanks my friend

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I plan on updating you each week with what is happening at FSU. Our public updates to the community continue to be posted at www.Frostburg.edu/covid19

Some bullet points to share with you:

- We have approximately 70 students living in our resident halls including Edgewood Commons. The plan is to move all residential students to Edgewood Commons which is a P3 arrangement with Medco and its own staff once we get our traditional residence halls emptied. Edgewood commons is apt-style living with separate bathrooms and kitchens. That way we consolidate all of our students in one residence hall that is privately managed and has better facilities.
- We had just over 1000 students who lived on campus. Over 2/3 have moved out or signed up for a move-out time. The process is following healthcare guidelines and similar to what other USM schools are doing. We started a bit earlier than some other schools this past Monday.
- Now that we have seen the demand for facilities from students on campus or in town, we are beginning to scale back facilities on campus. We will be using Gira CCIT for computer lab space and some study space (will likely not be a big need once students are in Edgewood commons). Library access will soon be completely online.
- Food services are being provided by Chartwells on an order and pick-up plan. Less than 100 students are still using their food plans. Chartwells is also offering food for staff on campus.
- We are developing refund plans for room and board and some fees. I was disappointed that some in the community and on campus were attributing the delay to the assumption we were trying to keep the money at the students' expense. In fact, the decisions on 1) going to online for the rest of the semester and 2) provide pro-rated refunds were being made at the system level after consultation with the regents. We expect the refunds for FSU to be somewhere in the range of \$5 million, if not more.
- We have curtailed employees on campus to one of the lowest in the system (even though there still seems to be some in the community who have complained about too many on campus). At this point, less than 10% (and I suspect it is closer to 5% are on campus during the day) of the employees are expected to be on campus. These include police, healthcare (although all counseling provided through WMHS is now online), physical plant, and IT support.
- We have several hundred students working online that are still working in the community or state. That includes several hundred RNs who are in our online program and we are making accommodations for those who find their studies slipping because of work requirements. And, we have student teachers that are staying home but we are working with school districts to see how they might help regular teachers with online instruction.
- At this point, construction on the new residence hall continues. We are supposed to receive furniture from MD corrections in late May. The Education & Health Sciences building is supposed to go to DPW at the beginning of April and bid packages will go out shortly thereafter. Some of the infrastructure work on the new building has been bid and will begin immediately after DPW approval. As long as the governor permits construction work to continue, our contractors will continue.

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- Lastly, to this point, we have had no issues with students off-campus who may have returned to the community. They seem to be respecting social distancing and social gathering guidelines. I continue to update county and city leadership about what is happening at FSU.

Any questions, please let me know.

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